



CITY OF SUGAR LAND



Improved ISO Rating Allows Residents a Fire Insurance Cost Reduction

The City of Sugar Land Fire Department has improved its ISO rating to two from three. The improved rating can translate to an approximate 2 percent fire insurance savings for commercial customers and an approximate 8 percent savings for residential customers who live within Sugar Land's city limits.

The new ISO rating takes effect May 1, 2005. Smith said residents and commercial customers should notify their respective insurance companies regarding the improved City rating and the potential insurance discounts.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) provides insurance companies reliable, up-to-date information about a municipality's fire protection services to help establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. Communities are rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with one being the best rating obtained. "Since only six cities in Texas have a ISO rating of one and 38 cities have a rating of two, Sugar Land has earned a status in an elite group," said Smith. "Our department diligently worked during 2004 to achieve the required ISO evaluation benchmarks in order to provide our citizens with the potential fire insurance savings."